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House Bill No. 6207

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The Committee on Transportation reported through REP. GUERRERA of the 29th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

**AN ACT REQUIRING THE IMMEDIATE ACTION OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN
OUT-OF-STATE MOTOR VEHICLE CONVICTIONS OF PERSONS WHO
HAVE A CONNECTICUT MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATOR'S LICENSE.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 14-111n of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2011*):

4 (a) If the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles receives a report from
5 any member jurisdiction of the conviction in such jurisdiction of any
6 person licensed to operate a motor vehicle in this state, for acts or
7 conduct of the nature described in subsection (b) of this section, the
8 commissioner shall suspend the operator's license of such person not
9 later than thirty days following the receipt of such report, for the
10 period of time required for a conviction of the equivalent offense
11 under the provisions of the general statutes, as listed in subsection (b)
12 of this section, for the same acts or conduct occurring in this state.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	14-111n(a)
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TRA *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 12 \$	FY 13 \$
Department of Motor Vehicles	TF - Cost	150,000	150,000
Comptroller Misc. Accounts (Fringe Benefits) ¹	TF - Cost	35,640	35,640

Note: TF=Transportation Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

There is a cost of \$185,640 beginning in FY 12 to the Special Transportation Fund for the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to hire staff to process the paper conviction notices and license suspension within 30 days of receipt.

The agency will initially require three administrative clerical positions each at \$50,000 plus fringe benefits¹. Annually, DMV receives approximately 500,000 paper convictions; half of which are from the State of New York. Currently there is a backlog of 80,000 conviction notices that have yet to be processed. Under the driver's license states compact and federal regulation, states are required to send notices of convictions of out-of-state drivers for DUI, manslaughter with a motor vehicle, evading responsibility, and reckless driving to the driver's home state. Federal regulation also requires that any and all convictions for commercial driver's license holders be reported to the home state. States are not required to send

¹ The fringe benefit costs for most state employees are budgeted centrally in accounts administered by the Comptroller. The estimated non-pension fringe benefit cost associated with personnel changes is 23.76% of payroll in FY 12 and FY 13. In addition, there could be an impact to potential liability for the applicable state pension funds.

notices in a timely manner.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 6207*****AN ACT REQUIRING THE IMMEDIATE ACTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN OUT-OF-STATE MOTOR VEHICLE CONVICTIONS OF PERSONS WHO HAVE A CONNECTICUT MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATOR'S LICENSE.*****SUMMARY:**

Connecticut takes part in the Driver's License Agreement, a multi-state compact that allows member states to share driver and motor vehicle conviction information.

By law, if the state Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) commissioner receives a report from a member state that a Connecticut driver's license holder has been convicted of certain motor vehicle offenses in that jurisdiction, she must suspend that driver's license for the same period the law requires for a conviction of an equivalent offense here. The bill requires that she suspend the Connecticut driver's license within 30 days of receiving such a report from a member jurisdiction.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2011

BACKGROUND***Drivers License Agreement (DLA)***

Under this agreement, all participating states must have one driver's license that is recognized by all other member states and maintain one driver history. A conviction for any motor vehicle or traffic violation in any jurisdiction is treated as if it occurred in the violator's home state for purposes of maintaining a driver history and imposing administrative sanctions.

Offenses for Which DLA Requires Suspension

Offenses in other states for which the DMV commissioner must suspend a Connecticut driver's license for the same length of time as if the offense occurred here include:

1. manslaughter, assault, or negligent homicide with a motor vehicle;
2. driving under the influence;
3. leaving the scene of an accident, or failing to stop and render aid in an accident resulting in death or personal injury; and
4. unsafe, dangerous, or reckless operation of a motor vehicle (CGS § 14-111n (b)).

COMMITTEE ACTION

Transportation Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 36 Nay 0 (03/18/2011)